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## FMCS ANNOUNCES DRIVE TO RECRUIT LABOR ARBITRATORS

Washington - A search for new labor arbitrators by the Industrial Relations Research Association for Western New York was announced today.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service and the American Arbitration Association are co-sponsoring with the IRRA an intensive, year-long training program for the Western New York area.

A search committee, headed by Robert R. Logan, President of the IRRA for Western New York, is receiving applications until September 28, 1971. Logan, who is Executive Vice President of the Construction Industry Employers Association, Buffalo, said that members of the Committee from Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Niagara Falls, and the Southern Tier, are interested in applicants with labor-management experience who are qualified to serve as neutrals in deciding disputes arising during the term of labor contracts. It is hoped that applications will be received from qualified women and members of minorities, among others.

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The development program featuring both academic and practical experience in arbitration cases will be launched at a major Arbitration Conference at the Executive Motel in Buffalo on October 15. This day-long Conference, open to the public and featuring national arbitrator personalities, will be aimed at labor-management practitioners and professional arbitrators from the region. The Conference, intended to serve the need for professional arbitration information in the labor-management community, will also introduce the student arbitrators selected for the development program.

Applicants for the development program and labor-management practitioners desiring to attend the Arbitration Conference can obtain further information by writing the IRRA for Western New York, Box 72, Niagara Square Station, Buffalo, New York, 14202.

Similar arbitrator recruitment and development programs are planned later in other areas of the nation.

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